

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on January 15, 2003 at 8:02 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary Forrester (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Pamela Schindler, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB228, 1/13/2003;
HB86, 1/13/2003;
HB288, 1/10/2003

Executive Action: None

8:04 a.m. **CHAIRMAN FUCHS** presented exhibits relating to business heard by the Committee at a previous hearing.

EXHIBIT(tah08a01)

EXHIBIT(tah08a02)

EXHIBIT(tah08a03)

HEARING ON HB 228

Sponsor: REP. LANGE, HD #19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

8:04 a.m. REP. LANGE

Proponents' Testimony:

8:10 a.m. Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

8:10 a.m. Dave Puyor, Montana Rural Education Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

8:11 a.m. REP. CARNEY

8:12 a.m. REP. LANGE

8:12 a.m. REP. CARNEY

8:13 a.m. REP. LANGE

8:14 a.m. REP. CARNEY

8:15 a.m. REP. LANGE

8:15 a.m. REP. GILLAN

8:16 a.m. REP. LANGE

8:17 a.m. **REP. GILLAN**

8:17 a.m. **REP. LANGE**

8:18 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

8:19 a.m. **Jeff Martin, Legislative Staff**

8:19 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

8:20 a.m. **REP. LANGE**

8:20 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

8:20 a.m. **REP. LANGE**

8:21 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

8:21 a.m. **REP. LANGE**

8:21 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

8:22 a.m. **REP. LANGE**

8:22 a.m. **REP. FUCHS**

Closing by Sponsor:

8:23 a.m. **REP. LANGE**

HEARING ON HB 86

Sponsor: **REP. HARRIS, HD 30**

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

8:24 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

EXHIBIT (tah08a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

8:28 a.m. **Dick Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education**

8:33 a.m. **Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association**

8:34 a.m. **Eric Feaver, MEA/MFT**

8:35 a.m. Geoff Gamble, Montana State University, President

8:37 a.m. George Dennison, University of Montana, President

8:38 a.m. Sarah Cobler, Associated Students of University of
Montana

8:41 a.m. Judy Smith, "Fair Share" of Montana

EXHIBIT (tah08a05)

EXHIBIT (tah08a06)

8:49 a.m. Will Hammerquist, Associated Students of Montana State
University

EXHIBIT (tah08a07)

Opponents' Testimony:

8:51 a.m. Candace Payne, Montana Car Rental Association

8:56 a.m. Robert Ward, Enterprise Car Rental

8:58 a.m. P.E. Haren, Hertz Car Rental, Bozeman

8:59 a.m. Mike Lucero, Hertz Car Rental, Bozeman

9:01 a.m. Tim Peiper, Hertz Car Rental, Helena

9:02 a.m. Riley Johnson, Montana State Chamber of Commerce,
Montana Taxpayers Association

9:02 a.m. Steve Turkewicz, Montana Auto Dealers Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:05 a.m. REP. BALYEAT

9:06 a.m. REP. HARRIS

9:07 a.m. REP. BALYEAT

9:07 a.m. REP. HARRIS

9:08 a.m. **REP. BALLYEAT**

9:08 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

9:09 a.m. **REP. BALLYEAT**

9:09 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

9:10 a.m. **REP. BALLYEAT**

9:11 a.m. **Dick Crofts**

9:11 a.m. **REP. LAKE**

9:12 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

9:12 a.m. **REP. LAKE**

9:13 a.m. **REP. LAMBERT**

9:13 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

9:14 a.m. **REP. COHENOUR**

9:15 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

9:16 A.M. **REP. LASLOVICH**

9:16 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

9:17 a.m. **REP. GILLAN**

9:17 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

9:17 a.m. **REP. FUCHS**

9:18 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

9:18 a.m. **REP. FUCHS**

Closing by Sponsor:

9:18 a.m. **REP. HARRIS**

9:19 a.m. **REP. FUCHS**

EXHIBIT (tah08a08)

HEARING ON HB 288

Sponsor: REP. ERICKSON, HD64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:20 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

Proponents' Testimony:

9:30 a.m. Dick Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education

9:34 a.m. George Dennison, University of Montana, President

EXHIBIT (tah08a09)

9:38 a.m. George Gamble, Montana State University, President

9:40 a.m. Lloyd Chestnut, University of Montana, Research

9:42 a.m. Don Christian, University of Montana, Assistant Dean

9:45 a.m. Eric Feaver, MEA/MFT

9:48 a.m. Judy Smith, "Fair Share" of Montana

9:50 a.m. Judy Federberg, University of Montana

9:50 a.m. Will Hammerquist, Associated Students, Montana State
University

9:52 a.m. Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

9:53 a.m. Sarah Cobler, Associated Students, University of
Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

9:53 a.m. Candace Payne, Montana Car Rental Association

9:57 a.m. Robert Ward, Enterprise Car Rental

9:58 a.m. P.E. Haren, Hertz Car Rental, Bozeman

9:59 a.m. Mike Lucero, Hertz Car Rental, Bozeman

10:00 a.m. **Tim Peiper, Hertz Car Rental, Helena**

10:00 a.m. **Riley Johnson, Montana State Chamber of Commerce
Montana Taxpayers Association**

10:00 a.m. **Steve Turkewicz, Montana Auto Dealers Association**

Informational Testimony:

10:01 a.m. **Doug Monger, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

10:02 a.m. **Betsy Baumgart, "Travel Montana"**

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:03 a.m. **REP. ROSS**

10:03 a.m. **George Dennison**

10:03 a.m. **REP. LAMBERT**

10:04 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

10:05 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

10:06 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

10:06 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

10:07 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

10:08 a.m. **REP. CARNEY**

10:08 a.m. **Candace Payne**

10:10 a.m. **REP. GILLAN**

10:11 a.m. **Mike Lucero**

10:12 a.m. **REP. GILLAN**

10:12 a.m. **Mike Lucero**

10:12 a.m. **REP. WAITSCHES**

10:13 a.m. **George Dennison**

10:16 a.m. **REP. WAITSCHES**

10:17 a.m. **REP. FUCHS**

10:17 a.m. **REP. JACKSON**

10:18 a.m. **George Dennison**

10:19 a.m. **REP. JACKSON**

10:20 a.m. **George Dennison**

10:21 a.m. **REP. JACKSON**

10:21 a.m. **George Dennison**

Closing by Sponsor:

10:22 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

10:26 a.m. **REP. FUCHS**
(general business)

10:27 a.m. **REP. LASLOVICH**
(comments)

10:28 a.m. **REP. FUCHS**
(comments)

10:28 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

EXHIBIT (tah08a10)

After meeting, **Bob Vogel (Montana School Board Association)** handed to secretary letter pertaining to HB86, HB288 heard today.

EXHIBIT (tah08a11)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:28 A.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

PAMELA SCHINDLER, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah08aad)